IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant(s) : John F. Shanley Confirmation No. : 6433

Application No. :10/824,124 Group Art : 3773

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Title: Expandable Medical Device With S-Shaped Bridging Elements

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Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2009 for one (1) month from November 4, 2009 to December 4, 2009. An RCE is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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